AMENDMENT TO H.R. 627, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY Ms. EDWARDS OF MARYLAND

After section 8, insert the following new section (and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly):

1 SEC. 9. TREATMENT OF DEFAULT ON MEDICAL BILL FOR

- 2 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING CREDIT RISK.
- 3 Section 127B of the Truth in Lending Act insert
- 4 amended by inserting after subsection (p) as added by sec-
- 5 tion 6) the following new subsection:
- 6 "(q) Treatment of Default on Medical Bill
- 7 FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING CREDIT RISK.—No
- 8 creditor with respect to any credit card account under an
- 9 open end consumer credit plan may take into account any
- 10 default by the consumer on any amount owed for medical
- 11 expenses (including prevention, treatment, care, and
- 12 equipment) in determining credit risk with respect to such
- 13 consumer or in considering any increase in the annual per-
- 14 centage rate applicable with respect to such consumer
- 15 credit card account.".

